

Mayor and Council
Meeting Minutes for
December 11, 2001

Pledge:

Invocation: Dr. Wayne Allgaier

Roll Call: Mr. Harrington, Mr. Fitez, Mrs. Greenfield, Mr. Stull, Mr. Castle, Mr. Bell and Mayor Jones

Mayor: City auditor is doing the annual audit and a report should be done to the state by end of month.

Staff Reports:

Kevin:

Jim Castle asked about repair at second ave, with the drainage problem. There was a pipe taken out an a PVC pipe put back in. Successful.

Chief Price:

Sobriety checkpoints will be enforced through the first of the year.

On December 11th Cpl. Jeff Kessler received a certificated of recognition at the Frederick County Heath Department ceremony for alcohol and tobacco enforcement.

Minor thefts are occurring in west end of town. Citizens are advised to keep car doors locked and leave a porch light on.

Geri Reynolds:

Christmas party and tree lighting was a big success.

Thanks to the Lion's Club for the donations on the door prizes, oranges and candy.

Thanks to Debbie Williams for her free time for karaoke.

Thanks to public works and all the volunteers that helped get things set up.

December 1st, with santa on fire truck giving out candy canes.

Also used the ambulance utility to give out candy canes.

Justin:

Planning committee on November 26th approved site plan for Town House section of Gayland Manor, Stauffer's Funeral Home and Sponsellor two lots on West "D" street. The denied Ken Calabree road waivery.

Received improvement plans for phase I of Gayland Manor which includes 84 single family dwelling and 64 town house units.

Also need alternates for the board of appeals and planning commission.

Code enforcement report:

November 14th Cpl. Kessler assisted Carter Ayers at the 700 blk of East "B" street to obtain 13 signatures for property violations.

November 27th Officer Wilson assisted Carter Ayers at the 100 blk of 7th Ave. Defendant refused to sign 12 citations and threaten him personally and the City of Brunswick with a law suit. The resident verbally abused Mr. Ayers in front of Officer Wilson.

With the help of the planning and zoning administrator Justin Horman. We are in the process of rewording several city code ordinances and better clarify the meaning and broaden the scope to better serve the community.

Walt Stull suggested a column be added year to date. And what it was last year this time. With out any figures it means nothing.

Brent Bell:

Utility commission to schedule meeting for connection fees.

Jim Castle:

The Brunswick Ambulance and Fire Company both elected there officer's for the new year. President for the Ambulance is Donnie Harrison and Dennis Wenner is Chief. President for the Fire Company is Bubba Clary and Chief is Roy Lipscomb.

Economic Development Committee - next meeting will be held January 3rd, 2002. It will be open to the public.

Mayor:

Requesting change with S.G.T.P. people for approval to move lights that were going to be put across CSX property to South Maple Ave. If approved the lights will put between Potomac Street and Rail Station on South Maple.

Walt Stull:

Campground closed for the season. There is someone staying there temporary over the

winter until a care taker is hired. This will take place sometime after first of the year.

Debbie Greenfield:

The holiday decorating contest for the city will be Thursday night December 13, 2001 from 7:00 to 9:00. The mayor and council will be riding through town and judge the lights.

Jim Fitez:

Nothing to report.

Joe Harrington:

Collecting information on water and sewer tap fees. He quoted its going to be a long process. That Brent and himself would get to work on it and have something later in January.

Citizen Forum:

Tom Smith - response to Brent Bell's letter in paper. Has offered help several times was told they didn't need any. He made suggestion to raise water rates during his term. Rumors that I will run for office next time is a fact not a rumor.

Brent Bell's response: Talked about looking at these water and sewer rates and the reasoning. Things haven't went down since they were looked at last price for parts have went up at least 6 percent if not more. We need to take this position because we can't afford to loose money on tax.

Thomas Smith - Commented that he didn't have a problem with raising water and sewer. What he has a problem with is that some of the people in the city are opposed to annexation and think we are going to be ok. If we stay as we are and don't annexation this is what we are looking at is increase rates.

New Business:

Christmas Eve December 24th, 2001 - Federal, State and County has granted this a holiday.

Motion by Brent Bell

Second by Debbie Greenfield - 6-0

Appointments:

Assistant Superintendent of Public Works - Darrell Droneburg

Motion by Jim Castle

Second by Jim Fitez - 6-0

Captain - Donald Rough

Motion by Walt Stull

Second by Jim Fitez - 6-0

Mayor's remarks:

Reason for Captain's appointment Maryland Court of Special Appeals recently ruled in our favor in Ebberts case.

Request for 3.5% cola increase first pay period in January 10th 2002.

Motion by Jim Fitez

Second by Debbie Greenfield - 6-0

Introduction of Resolution for Annexation of Enfield property. Hearing on March 12th (public hearing) rather than January 22nd. The reason for this is that we have to look at the extension of public service and the annexation agreements and don't have the time we need to work on those two items. We will suspend from running the public notice and will pick it up again in February to meet the requirements of the four notices with the last one not less than 15 days before we have the public hearing.

There a amendment to the original resolution which will apply to the petition eliminating 13.4 acres from the original request and that is the property on the other side of the north side of Route 17. That will need to be modified. This will show that the petition was introduced in November and not the resolution. What we have is a total of 455.7 acres which will be proposed annexation. We will have 309.9 acres in the cities R1, 100 acres in R2, 25.8 acres will be classified in the general commercial and 20 acres will be classified in office research and that would total 455.7 acres.

"Interim application ordinance to establish procedures and installation of telecommunication towers." Applicant understands they have to pay \$8500.00 dollars and we will not take final action on there petition until we have a final ordinance in place.

Motion by Brent Bell

Second Jim Castle - 6-0

Three (3) year agreement with center for municipal solutions. The agreement can be terminated for cause.

Walt Stull questioned if references were checked.

Motion by Walt Stull to approve.

Second by Brent Bell - 6-0

Dave Dunn:

Removal of handicap sign at 524 West "B" street. Confirmed by Mr. Porter's daughter he has gone to assistant living.

Motion approved 6 -0

Personnel Hiring/Vacancies

Mayor:

Openings one on the planning commission and one on the board of appeals. I have two applications and will make a decision on January's meeting.

Two utility specialist positions open at public works and a position posted for assistant superintendent waste water.

No meeting on December 25th.

Motion by Jim Castle

Second - 6-0

Dave Dunn:

Police Department vacancy with Captain's appointment allows vacant officer.

Motion by Debbie Greenfield

Second by Brent Bell - 6-0

Adjournment 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Walt Stull

Witness: _____
City Administrator

Approved By: _____
Mayor

Prepared By: Dianne Fleming